**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND THE RIVERSIDE HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY TEAM FOR A SUCCESSFUL SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THE TEAM AND COACHES FOR CAPTURING THE 2013 CLASS AAAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP.

Whereas, the Riverside High School varsity girls cross country team experienced a banner year, much to the delight of their fans and the disappointment of their rivals; and

Whereas, as the proud owners of five previous varsity girls cross country title trophies (1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, and 2001), the Lady Warriors entered the 2013 state meet with this goal in mind: to run at championship level as never before. They did so, and with style, triumphing by the largest margin of victory in the history of this State for both boys and girls cross country divisions; and

Whereas, in addition, the Lady Warriors produced five All‑State runners, senior Allie Arsiniega, freshman Abigail Smith, junior Carly Howell, sophomore Emma Spencer, and freshman Cate Ambrose; and

Whereas, after the 2013 crown was secure, exultant Riverside fans began making plans to return next year to see the Lady Warriors repeat the victory; and

Whereas, in a sport that demands endurance, speed, and mental focus, Coach Eric Cummings, ably assisted by Coach Heather Greene, forged a championship team through successfully imparting his own athletic skills and knowledge. In the process, he taught these young people lessons that will stand them in good stead for the rest of their lives; and

Whereas, adding further zest to an already sweet victory, Coach Cummings was named 2013 South Carolina Track & Cross Country Coaches Association 4A Girls Cross Country Coach of the Year, and Coach Greene was named 2013 South Carolina Track & Cross Country Coaches Association Assistant Cross Country Coach of the Year; and

Whereas, the members of the Riverside High School varsity girls cross country team have triumphed indeed, bringing home a well‑earned state title, and in so doing have brought great pride to their school and community. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, recognize and commend the Riverside High School varsity girls cross country team for a successful season and congratulate the team and coaches for capturing the 2013 Class AAAA State Championship.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Principal Andy Crowley and Coach Eric Cummings of Riverside High School.

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